

FISCAL NOTE

HB 21 - SB 63

February 24, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a person convicted of a criminal offense may, in addition to other specified punishment, be sentenced to perform labor wearing leg irons in chain-gang type work groups. Directs the Department of Correction and county jails and workhouses to develop programs to carry out such sentences.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$1,752,500 Net Recurring
 \$2,410,000 Non-Recurring**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$579,000 Net Recurring
 \$1,588,000 Non-Recurring**

Assumes approximately 5,000 felons annually will serve 90 days on chain-gangs and approximately 5,000 misdemeanants annually will serve 30 days on chain-gangs.

Estimate includes cost of adding additional correctional officers, equipment and vehicles to supervise and transport inmates to work sites.

Estimated recurring cost has been reduced by an amount representing estimated savings to state and local governments from the use of inmate labor for certain work projects versus contracting such work out or using governmental employees.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director